\wth them, they began to talk of the dangers of the time , from that to argue of the town, how it might be made defensible, what provision, what men would serve the turn, what a brave command it was in a change Then they grew madder as to talk of titles, and it is reported that the Lieutenant delivered his mind how he was affected , that he and his friends would keep the place till he saw great reason to yield it But when thej had waded so far, * Masters,' said he, * these matters we speak of are perilous, and therefore I will have nothing to do with them[3] But the other two found means to discover it first to the Queen, whereupon the Lieutenant was examined by the Lords and is now committed to the Tower Sir Drue Drury is sworn in his place

6th December WOOD iv THE PILLORY

Wood that was condemned in the Star Chamber last July hath novt confessed To-day on a pillory in Cheapside he had an ear cut off, and three letters burned in his forehead He made an oration, declaring his confession is voluntary in his examination he charges Lady Shrewsbury very deeply with the matter, but she denies it

jth December THE QUEEN'S LETTER TO THE KING

On the 30th November Mr Edmondes read before the French King a letter from her Majesty answering those com-plaints of Monsieur de Lomenie, and his demand for succours Mr Edmondes reminded the King of the great services which her Majesty had rendered him for a long space of time, and lastly at Brest when the Queen, though she had in hand several other designs both of honour and advantage, had consented for the King's service to employ her forces by

land and sea to drive the enemy from thence As for the declaration that the King might be obliged to agree with the common enemy without comprehending her Majesty in the treaty, she would not suffer herself to be disturbed with the thought that the King's honour and so many vows on his part and so many services on hers could admit so odious and dangerous a resolution After the letter had been read, the King answered that he was not alone able to sustain the burden of the war for such reasons as are too true and too well known to all men ; and that